New Criteria for Telephone Connection

898. SHRI F.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed certain new criteria for providing telephone facilities in the plain and rural aeas so as to extend the facilities to more and more places in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the places in Karnataka which are going to be povided with this facility during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Percentage of the Reproductive age Group in the Country

899. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of reproductive age couples who use an effective family planning method in different states in the country;

(b) what are the targets set by the Government for use of family planning by the reproductive age couples; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to cover the gap between the tragets and the actual use of family planning by reproductive age couples?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) A statement showing state-wise estimated percentage of couples in the reproductive age group of 15-44 years effectively protected due to various Family Planning methods as on 31st March, 1986 is given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below). National Health Policy envisages achieving the long term demographic goal of 60 per cent effective couple protection by 2000 AD at the national level. Different states are targeted to reach 60 per cent C.P.R. by the end of 1991-92, 1996-97 and 2001-02. The statewise grouping is given in the enclosed Statement-II (*See* below)

(c) To achieve the targets set under Family Welfare Programme, the State-wise review of performance is done every month and the monthly bulletin containing the review and feed back reports are sent to the States/U.Ts., periodical meetings with State Health Secretaries are held in which performance under various schemes is reviewed and problems encountered by the States are discussed and follow up actions taken. In addition, the States are also visited by Senior Officers from the Ministry.

Statement-II

Estimated percentage of couples effectively protected by all Family Planning methods as on 31st March, 1986

Sl. No.	State/U.T./Agency	% of couples protected (Provisional)
1	2	3
I.	MAJOR STATES (Population 1 crore or more)	
1	Andhra Pradesh	34.5
2.	Assam	25.4